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Canada Customs and Revenue Agency Finds Dumping Against U.S. Fresh Tomatoes 2002

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Report Highlights:

Canada Customs and Revenue Agency (CCRA) announced that fresh tomatoes, originating in or exported from the U.S. excluding tomatoes for processing, were dumped into Canada at, on average, 33% below normal price levels. This reaffirms a preliminary decision made on March 25, 2002, when the CCRA started collecting provisional duties on imports of these products. These duties will be imposed until the Canadian International Trade Tribunal determines whether the dumped imports hurt Canadian production. The Tribunal's decision is expected by July 23, 2002.

CANADA CUSTOMS AND REVENUE AGENCY CONFIRMS DUMPING OF FRESH TOMATOES FROM THE UNITED STATES

On June 24, 2002, the Canada Customs and Revenue Agency (CCRA) announced that fresh tomatoes, originating in or exported from the United States, excluding tomatoes for processing, were dumped into Canada at, on average, 33% below normal price levels.

This reaffirms a preliminary decision made on March 25, 2002, when the CCRA started collecting provisional duties on imports of these products. These duties will be imposed until the Canadian International Trade Tribunal determines whether the dumped imports hurt Canadian production. The Tribunal's decision is expected by July 23, 2002. The provisional duties will remain in place until the Tribunal has made a decision.

Background

On March 25, 2002 the Canada Customs and Revenue Agency (CCRA) announced a preliminary determination of dumping against U.S. fresh field-grown tomatoes (excluding those for processing) and applied provisional anti-dumping duties on U.S. tomatoes averaging 22% (see CA2032). The decision followed an investigation started by the CCRA on November 9, 2001, after receiving a complaint filed by the Canadian Tomato Trade Alliance of Vancouver, British Columbia. Earlier, in March 2001, the U.S. greenhouse industry petitioned the U.S. Department of Commerce for anti-dumping duties against Canadian greenhouse tomatoes and in May 2001, the United States International Trade Commission determined that there was a reasonable indication that the U.S. industry is materially injured by cheap imports of greenhouse tomatoes from Canada. Canadian producers of greenhouse tomatoes formed the Canadian Tomato Trade Alliance, and petitioned the CCRA in June 2001, for an anti-dumping investigation into U.S. field-grown tomatoes. On April 2, 2002, the USITC terminated the U.S. case when it ruled in a 4-1 decision that Canadian exporters had not damaged the U.S. greenhouse industry.

A copy of the Statement of Reasons, which provides more details about this investigation, is available on the Internet at:

http://www.ccra-adrc.gc.ca/customs/business/sima/anti-dumping/ad1274f-e.html

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